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**MADIGAN ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL DAY RELEASE OF
2013 GUIDE ON SERVICE MEMBERS' & VETERANS'
LEGAL RIGHTS & BENEFITS**

Attorney General's Latest Publication Provides Much-Needed Guidance for Veterans, Family

Chicago —In recognition of Memorial Day, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced the release of a new, updated publication detailing the federal and state benefits afforded to Illinois service members, veterans, their families and survivors.

Produced by Madigan's Military and Veterans' Rights Bureau, the 2013 edition of *Benefits for Illinois Veterans* features new information for service members, veterans, family and associated service providers regarding:

- Exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune;
- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program;
- Issues of concern for veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- Services for homeless veterans.

“Under the law, veterans and military service members are entitled to certain benefits that reward their commitment to our country,” Madigan said. “We have developed this comprehensive guide so service members and their families will have the information needed to ensure they receive the benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice.”

The Attorney General's Military and Veterans' Rights Bureau handles a wide variety of consumer issues affecting the military community, such as financial scams connected to Veterans' Affairs benefits assistance, education benefits and mortgage-related issues.

Assistant Attorneys General Grant T. Swinger and Akeela White lead the Military and Veterans' Rights Bureau. To order a paper copy of this publication, the public is invited to call the Bureau's hotline at 1 (800) 382-3000. The digital copy is available at the following link:

http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/Benefits%20for%20IL%20Veterans_2013.pdf

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